



Iona Abbey, Scotland

Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Holy Hilarity Sunday - Travel Edition!
February 7, 2021

Music streamed in today's service

Ukulele Lady - Richard A. Whiting
Glory, Glory - New Century Hymnal #2
Variations on Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - Zac Girash
Ukulele piece - Mairi and Lesley Morrison
I Come with Joy - New Century Hymnal #349
Closing Hymn
Churchyard Chatter - Uzee Brown

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Prelude

Ukulele Lady

Richard A. Whiting

Welcome and Announcements

Sarah Fuller

Call to Worship (adapted from verses of 1 Chronicles 16)

Ed Bond

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice!
Say to all the nations, “Our God reigns!”

Let the sea and everything in it shout God’s praise!
Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!

Give thanks to God, for God is good!
God’s faithful love endures forever.

Praise the Lord
who lives from everlasting to everlasting!

Opening Prayer

Ed Bond

Holy God,
as you have taken what we call an absurdity
and turned it into possibility....
as you have coaxed us to envision springtime alleluias
where once there was a gray dawn,
as you have called us out of the tombs we inhabit
To travel into an undreamed of tomorrow,
You have called us to dream, to imagine, to believe!
we praise you for this day!
Amen.

Opening Hymn **Glory, Glory** - New Century Hymnal #2

1 Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.
Glory, glory hallelujah! since I laid my burdens down.

2 I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down.
I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down.

3 Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burdens down.
Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burdens down.

4 I am dancing Miriam's dance now, since I laid my burdens down.
I am dancing Miriam's dance now, since I laid my burdens down.

5 I am climbing Jacob's ladder, since I laid my burdens down.
I am climbing Jacob's ladder, since I laid my burdens down.

6 Every round goes higher and higher, since I laid my burdens down.
Every round goes higher and higher, since I laid my burdens down.

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Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Exod. 15:20; Gen. 28:12; Ps. 81:6

African-American spiritual



1 Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, since I
2 I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter, since I
3 Feel like shout - ing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" since I
4 I am danc - ing Mir - iam's dance now, since I
5 I am climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, since I
6 Ev - ery round goes higher and high - er, since I



laid my bur - dens down. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -
laid my bur - dens down. I feel bet - ter, so much
laid my bur - dens down. Feel like shout - ing "Hal - le -
laid my bur - dens down. I am danc - ing Mir - iam's
laid my bur - dens down. I am climb - ing Ja - cob's
laid my bur - dens down. Ev - ery round goes higher and



lu - jah, since I laid my bur - dens down.
bet - ter, since I laid my bur - dens down.
lu - jah!" since I laid my bur - dens down.
dance now, since I laid my bur - dens down.
lad - der, since I laid my bur - dens down.
high - er, since I laid my bur - dens down.



- 1 The heavens herald your glory, O God, and the skies display your handiwork.
- 2 Day after day they tell their story, and night after night they reveal the depth of their understanding.
- 3 Without speech, without words, without even an audible voice,
- 4 their cry echoes through all the world, and their message reaches the ends of the earth. For in the heavens the sun has pitched a tent.
- 5 It comes forth with the grandeur of a wedding procession, with the eagerness of an athlete ready to race.
- 6 It rises at one end of the sky and travels to the other end, and nothing escapes its warmth.
- 7 Your law, God, is perfect; it refreshes the soul. Your rule is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the naive.
- 8 Your purposes, O God, are right; they gladden the heart. Your command is clear; it gives light to the eyes.
- 9 Holding you in awe, God, is purifying; it endures. Your decrees are steadfast, and all of them just.

Anthem

Variations on Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Zac Girash

Sermon

“Moving Right Along”

Rev. Reebee Girash

Passing the Peace

Sarah Fuller

Prayers of the People

Rev. Reebee Girash

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Ed Bond

Offertory

Mairi and Lesley Morrison

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Doxology (#515 Red)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sarah Fuller

Lord, we know you “love a cheerful giver,” or a better translation might be, “The Lord loves a hilarious giver!” So we give freely and gladly, out of a heart of joy and laughter. Use our gifts to spread your joy. Amen.

Communion Hymn **I Come with Joy** - New Century Hymnal #349

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I Come with Joy

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994

1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

4 And thus we meet, and better know the Presence, ever near,
And join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here,
that Christ is risen here.

5 Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay,
And go with joy to love the world and live the way we pray,
and live the way we pray.

Unison

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will

free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that
stay, And go with joy to love the world and

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.
live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation - Our Children invite us to the Table

Prayer of Confession

Lord's Prayer

Our Father (Creator), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Assurance

Communion Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving



La Sagrada Familia, Barcelona



Church in Hawaii

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May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields and,
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
May God grant you always...
A sunbeam to warm you,
A moonbeam to charm you,
A sheltering angel, so nothing can harm you.
May the Saints protect you
And bless you today
And may troubles ignore you
Each step of the way.
God be on your road every way you go

Source Notes:

Opening Prayer from Still Laughing God, posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website.

<http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-a/le/eas.html>



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